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yet signally successful literary ventures, the deep shadows of his protracted religious melancholy, the rich sunlight of joyous assurance into which he emerged, and his death, so untimely and yet so opportune, — wrought by a hand of surpassing delicacy, and permeated throughout by the heart-fibres of an undying love, — makes one of the most touching life-stories which it has been our happiness to read. The “Poetical Remains” are passable, but by no means striking. The Legends, which close the volume, wild and horrible, display in their appropriate vein ample resources and superior artistical skill.

19. — “*A Gross Literary Fraud Exposed; relating to the Publication of Worcester's Dictionary in London,*” as *Webster's Dictionary*. Springfield: G. & C. Merriam. 1854.

WE are glad to believe, on evidence to us satisfactory, that the publishers of Webster's Dictionary were in no sense accountable for the fraud perpetrated by Bohn, the London publisher, and that they have not availed themselves of the fact of its perpetration in any covert or dishonorable way. We deprecate the continuance of the controversy concerning that foreign felony. The two works, as the standard American Dictionaries, will no doubt continue to divide the public patronage, and they differ sufficiently from each other to render their respective merits a fair subject for investigation and discussion. At the same time their differences relate, not to great philological facts and laws, as to which growing intelligence would tend to uniformity of construction, but for the most part to matters of taste or of conflicting authority, concerning which public sentiment will no doubt long remain divided.